

De-Gothalizer 2000

Performance Poem for Two
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Characters, Jane: Professional looking yuppie.
Dick: Business suit, no tie.
Alternating lines

It's Saturday, 2.a.m. Do you know where your children are?

*Jane shakes head, looks confused.

They could be at a party getting drunk.

*Jane shakes head angrily

They could be on the street sucking cock for crack.

*Jane looks like a deer in headlight, open mouthed.

Or even worse. They could be at a "goth" club.

Dear God! NO!!!!!!!!!! *Cover's mouth with anguished look.

Well Jane, you don't need to worry about your slightly strange teenager anymore thank's to Crisco Incorporated's new invention, the De-Gothalizer 2000.

Did you really discover a way to keep my troubled teen from being an eye sore to society and a constant source of shame to our family?

That's right Jane, we used in depth scientific research to discover our patented proven formula for treating those of the "goth" persuasion and changing them into happy, productive and most importantly, regular looking members of society.

That's great Dick! No more black clothing and no more having to listen to goth lord Marilyn Manson when I let Billy borrow the mini-van and he forgets to remove his goth tapes from the stereo. I'd like one right now! How much does it cost?

Well the De-Gothlizer is a steal at only 3 easy payments of \$29.95 or one payment of \$88.95.

Now that's a bargain folks. *Holds collar in hands and examines it* Tell me Dick, how does this, well collar looking thing get my teen to change their disruptive lifestyle. It looks almost like some of the apparel that my teen currently wears, how does it rid them of their deviant tendencies?

That's all part of the plan though Jane, you see we want your "Goth" teen to put this on, and once it is on, that is when the healing and transformation starts.

Jane gives it more examination It doesn't use sharp point objects does it?

No Jane, those Goth's would find that pleasurable.

Does it use a series of electric shocks to subdue their dark thoughts?

I'm afraid not, they would also get some perverted joy from that as well.

How about employing loud siren like wails in rapid succession, such as an ambulance siren, to scramble their thoughts of evil?

Oddly enough "Goth's" dance to sounds such as those. We thought of those idea's you said as well at Cisco Incorporated, but after 3 years of intense and in-depth research we found the best way to "de-Goth" your teens lie in this specially made collar.

But it looks exactly like the collar that I have my husband wear on Friday nights when the kids are out. What is so special about this one?

Well Jane, thanks to micro-speaker technology we've implanted speakers into the leather, it is also equipped with this *holds up remote* remote controlled unbreakable electronic lock. Once it has been locked on, a sensor that detects both "Goth" and normal thoughts is activated. Now whenever this sensor detects "Goth" thoughts it plays, "It's A Small World After All" until the undesirable brain activity is taken over by conformist thoughts, changing your Goth teen into a beauty queen.

That's wonderful! So, once my child puts it on, only I have the power to remove it?

That's right. But that's not all, Jane.

What else could there be?

For callers during the next 30 minutes, we'll include a free can of 60th anniversary honey flavored Spam.

Wow! What a deal, the De-Gothalizer 2000, and a 60th anniversary can of Spam for free! Dick, give me the phone number so that I could call to order this wonderful product.

All right Jane, just have your credit card ready and call 1-800-NO-GAWFF

What was that phone number again for the people at home watching in?

The toll free number was 1-800-NO-GAWFF, and remember, call in the next thirty minutes and get a free can of honey spam.